

Council Caucus Room
July 27, 2010 6:00 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Burcher, Piper and Salisbury

Staff Present: Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources and Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services; Mr. G. Hunt, Manager, Labour Relations, Health & Safety/Assistant Director of Human Resources; Mr. M. Anders, General Manager, Community Connectivity and Transit; Mr. D. Bush, Labour Relations Specialist; Ms. T. Agnello Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Co-ordinator

- 1. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

Union Negotiations

S. 239 (2) (2) (d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk

Council Caucus Room
July 27, 2010 6:02 p.m.

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DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Union Negotiations

Staff provided information with respect to union negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk

Council Chambers
July 27, 2010

Council reconvened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Absent: Councillor Burcher

Staff Present: Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services; Mr. J.

Riddell, General Manager of Planning & Building Services; Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design; Ms. T. Agnello Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Co-ordinator

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Consent Agenda

The following item was extracted from the July 27, 2010 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

- A-1 Envision Guelph: Official Plan Amendment No. 42 Natural Heritage System Amendment

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Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design outlined the process to date of the Natural Heritage System Amendment. She summarized comments received and the corresponding staff recommendations. She then outlined the next steps of the process.

Councillor Kovach left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Maryam Nassar addressed the issue of growing the greenbelt in Guelph and how it relates to the Natural Heritage System Amendment. She requested that the City place a request with the Province to add the publicly-owned lands along the Eramosa and Speed Rivers to the Ontario Greenbelt.

David Stephenson, Environmental consultant retained by numerous homeowners, raised the issue of the timing of the amendment coming before Council, notice given and availability of the final draft. He would like further examination of tree planting and effects on open habitats and more flexibility with the amendment. He requested Council defer decision until such time as all relevant policies could be examined and vegetation compensation reviewed.

Leslie Marlowe, was concerned with the timing of the adoption of the Natural Heritage Strategy and requested a deferral of the adoption of the plan.

Jay Lefler provided suggestions for the property at Gordon and Wellington. He made some recommendations

regarding incentives to encourage business property owners to include more environmentally initiatives on their property.

Laura Murr raised questions regarding the accuracy of the streams and fisheries maps enclosed within the staff report. She requested a deferral of the adoption of the strategy to allow time to investigate further. She believes the removal of some woodlands is not compatible with existing City policies. She stated there has not been adequate time for the public to review the proposed amendment. She advised she will submit her concerns and numerous questions in writing to staff.

Judy Martin, Sierra Club Canada, raised issues regarding the short time available for the public to review the proposed amendment. She requested deferral of a decision to allow time for further input. She advised that the previous comments submitted by the Sierra Club of Canada are still valid. She raised the following concerns:

- the mapping reflects changes for development applications not yet approved;
- preservation of the wetlands;
- implications of changes to definitions;
- Biodiversity issues; and
- language regarding trees.

1. Moved by Councillor Beard

Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Report 10-71 dated July 27, 2010 from Planning, Engineering and Environmental Services regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 42 be received;

AND THAT Official Plan Amendment No. 42, initiated by the City of Guelph, to incorporate comprehensive Natural Heritage System policies, mapping and associated definitions, be adopted in accordance with Attachment 1 – Official Plan Amendment 42; and

AND THAT Council declare to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that Official Plan Amendment No. 42 meets the requirements of Section 26 of the Planning Act in that it conforms with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, has regard to matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement.

2. Moved in amendment by Councillor Piper

Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

THAT the City of Guelph make an immediate request to the Province to add the publicly owned lands along the Eramosa and Speed Rivers to the Ontario Greenbelt.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Councillor Billings left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

3. Moved by Councillor Piper

Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

Dr. J. Laird
Mr. J. Riddell

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VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Wettstein (1)

Carried

BY-LAWS

4. Moved by Councillor Wettstein

Seconded by Councillor Findlay

THAT By-law Number (2010)-19057 is hereby passed.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed August 30, 2010.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk